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## FROM THE MAYOR

As the end of the year approaches, there is much to be grateful for in University Park. The Town remains in good fiscal shape. Our target of maintaining level property taxes through five years remains on course. STEP-UP looks as if it will meet its goals and we are on target to complete the street work by the end of the summer of 2012 within the projected cost. The Town's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations were a spectacular success, thanks to the many volunteers and hard work of so many residents. A moment of sadness came as we celebrated the memories of our neighbors and friends who lost their lives in the awful events of 9/11. Finally, the fall this year has been colorful and has reminded us how beautiful the Town can be.

**The Cafritz property development** will influence our lives into both the near and far future. While Whole Foods has dominated the conversation, the development

brings far more to the site than simply an upscale food store. In addition to 35,000 square feet devoted to Whole Foods, the proposed development is expected to host 995 residential units (multifamily apartments and town houses), 125,000 more square feet of office and retail space, and a 120 room hotel at full build out.

This is the equivalent of recreating University Park plus commercial space on approximately 12% of the land. While this kind of density may be appropriate for an urbanizing area such as the EYA development down Route 1 in Hyattsville, it brings certain issues with it that need to be addressed if the surrounding neighborhoods are not to suffer significant harm. These potential harms include traffic, storm water runoff, loss of green/open space, public safety, and increased demand on public services, including schools.

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## Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	December 5 & 19
Holidays	December 26 & January 2
UPWC House Tour	December 9

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at Univ. Park Elem. School. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance. Council agendas are posted at [www.upmd.org](http://www.upmd.org) and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

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**Traffic and the loss of green space** are the most difficult problems for University Park. At full build out, most of the green space will be lost and daily weekday traffic loads will increase by around 22,000 vehicle trips.

Town officials have worked to ensure that a condition of development be the building of a vehicular bridge across the CSX tracks and significant public transit measures connecting the site to the future Purple Line and current Metro Stations.



The Town has taken the position that traffic cannot move across Route 1 east and west at the main Van Buren Street entrance to the site, and that the Cafritz property owners must provide a subsidy so that the Town can conduct appropriate traffic management studies and install traffic calming measures.

The Town also has taken the position that a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan be created and implemented so as to institutionalize regional traffic management. All of this requires a complex set of enforceable covenants be attached to the rezoning, which are still under development. Without agreement on reasonable covenants that include a requirement to build the bridge crossing the CSX tracks, the Town will oppose the rezoning.

The loss of green space will occur whether the site is developed as a R-55, the current zoning or a mixed use property. In order to minimize the impact of this loss the Town has requested that the Cafritz property owners develop a linear park along the Route 1 edge of the development. They have agreed to this request and have proposed a 100 foot wide treed sculpture park with pedestrian and bicycle path along Baltimore Avenue.

The intent is to create a smoother edge between University Park and the higher density town center development on the property and the open parking lots that will exist there. Although linear parks of this nature are somewhat rare in the United States, they are quite common in Northern Europe, and present well, significantly providing an illusion of open space while still supporting high density development. Again, without this condition being met, the Town will oppose rezoning.

**College Park and Riverdale Park are taking the lead on other issues**, although University Park is making strong contributions in the discussion around storm water management. All three towns are coordinating their efforts in order to ensure that the necessary conditions are in place that will maximize the chance for project success and minimize harm to the Town. All of the Towns are working together to ensure that the bridge is built across the CSX tracks in a timely fashion.

All three Towns and the Cafritz property owners have agreed that a condition of rezoning will be the continuing participation of *all* the surrounding communities in preliminary subdivision and detailed site plan process and that these plans will be subject to District Council review. This means that although both College Park and University Park would have preferred that the developer apply for a MUI zone designation, we will be able to live with the MUTC designation they have chosen to apply for. If this latter condition is not met in full, the Town will oppose rezoning.

**The impact of the development on public service costs** in the surrounding municipalities, regional markets, and public schools remain unresolved at this time. Riverdale Park is the only municipality that will see an increase in their property tax base due to the Cafritz development. As a consequence, there is a significant risk that University Park may see pressures develop on our public service costs with no additional revenue streams to offset them.

The potential market impact of the Cafritz development has not been analyzed yet. The surrounding communities have paid for and are awaiting the results of an updated market study, although it may not be possible to fully incorporate it into our comments and recommendations prior to the first Planning Board hearing on December 15.

Finally, we have not yet seen a referral from the School Board assessing the potential impact of the residential properties on local schools. In order to address these issues prior to rezoning, the Town will comment on them and place them in the record prior to or at the Planning Board hearing on December 15. This will permit the further exploration of these issues and their inclusion in a final rezoning order issued by the District Council in the first quarter of 2012.

## FROM THE MAYOR CONT.

The Town is recommending approval with stringent conditions to ensure both the success of the project while protecting the quality of life that we enjoy here in University Park. If our concerns and conditions are not satisfied or other facts come to light that raise concerns about the viability of the project or its impact on the Town, we can move to oppose before the District Council hearing early next year.

All of us who have dealt with this project on a continuing basis have genuine concerns about the proposed development. The site is not well suited to the project. It lacks access points other than Route 1 and requires significant grading in order to be built out, immediately raising issues of public safety, traffic management, market viability and environmental impact.

It is for these reasons that the Town has approached the project with caution and attempted to craft a strategy that allows for development of the property in such a way that enhances the quality of life in the Town rather than simply minimizes harm. In order to do so, we have engaged in extensive conversation with the developers and our neighbors. The strategy requires that we consider approval with reasonable conditions, although our fallback is always opposition if necessary.

It is important to understand that opposition remains a viable strategy if the Planning Board strips away or disallows all our conditions, particularly those that are vital to University Park. I have read all your letters and petitions with great interest and care. They have helped to inform my approach and that of the Town Council, lending nuance and ideas to our negotiating strategy.

Please join me and your neighbors in celebrating this very good year at the annual holiday potluck at Riverdale Presbyterian Church and tree lighting at the newly named Henson Green on December 3 starting at 5 PM. And if so inclined, give some thought to making a contribution to the Public Works and Police Department Holiday Funds.

*Here is hoping you had a great Thanksgiving and that you will have a wonderful holiday season. See you around Town, keep safe and enjoy the Town.*

*John Rogard Tabori*

### **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT** **Town Clerk**

The Town of University Park is seeking applicants for the position of Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is the main point of contact and information source for the Town. The Town Clerk also manages all records, prepares Council Meeting Agendas and packets, runs the Town Office, maintains the staff schedule, and manages the Town bus services. The Town Clerk is an integral part of the Town's management team and is expected to be a Notary Public. A full description of the job will be available beginning December 5 of this year at Town Hall and on the Town web site ([upmd.org](http://upmd.org)) under "News."

The salary range is \$52-58,000 depending on experience and qualifications. The Town offers a full benefits package, including health care and enrollment in the State Pension Plan. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Your application should be marked confidential. All applications must include a letter of introduction, a complete resume, and a list of at least three references. Employment will be contingent on passing a background check and a fitness for duty medical exam.

The Town will accept applications up until January 15, 2012 and will make an offer by March 15, 2012. All applications should be submitted to Mayor John Rogard Tabori, Town of University Park, 6724 Baltimore Avenue, Maryland 20782.



### **Potluck Dinner & Tree Lighting**

**Saturday, December 3, 5 PM**

Join your neighbors at Riverdale Presbyterian Church for a potluck dinner, a performance by the Blue Sky Puppet Theater and a walk to the town Christmas tree for the annual tree lighting at 7 PM.

Please bring a main dish or dessert for 10-12 people. Please donate a new pair of gloves or mittens to decorate a Mitten Tree for a local charity.

## FROM THE CHIEF & CRIME REPORT

Another year has gone by but it seems like only yesterday that I was sitting down to write our annual holiday message to all of our friends.

The UPPD family has stayed intact for the entire year with no new faces or sad stories. Chad is happy with his new police car, recent marriage and receiving an award for traffic safety enforcement. He made over 40 arrests for drunk driving the past eight months so please do not even think about driving when you drink during the holiday season. Dan has been working on many projects and enjoyed successful events he prepared action plans for, including a wonderful Azalea Classic, the July 4th celebration and Halloween. Remember to always have a plan. Prepare for emergencies and non-emergencies, practice your emergency plans with the family and make sure everyone knows where to go when.

Rick has been busy coordinating traffic safety grants and worked to secure funding for enforcement efforts for pedestrian safety, aggressive driving, *Click It or Ticket* and other State Highway Safety Office programs. Many tickets were written and our streets are safer for it. The effort continues: remember to STOP for stop signs, obey the speed limits and watch out for pedestrians. With Daylight Savings Time over, our driving time in darkness increases.

Kirk continues to keep pace with our town year after year. Taking on more responsibility with his seasoned squad of officers, he has risen to the challenge and continues to write accident reports and parking tickets as he patrols the town. Be aware of your surroundings when you park, walk and are in stores. Remember where you parked and have your keys ready when approaching your vehicle. Request a security escort if you shop alone.

Shameka continues her regular visits to UPES and keeps up a steady pace with traffic enforcement. One call she responded to this year involved identity theft and fraud. Remember to keep track of your cards, transactions and credit.

Steve has transitioned well from PGPD. He still gets to see many of his friends and fortunately for us they come into town driving their PGPD police cars to visit with him. We always welcome any police vehicle into our community as being out and about deters the criminal element.

Stay vigilant at all times. Our best effort is needed to keep our community safe.

Josie worked hard to make the UPPD portion of the 75th Town Anniversary go well, balancing hours of research with responsibilities during the school year was a challenge. Wayne has worked hard all year and keeps oiling the UPPD machine. We spent half the summer over 90 degrees and many of these days were above 95. A couple of severe storms, a peaceful demonstration, a 5-K, some parades, some good arrests to close and a year of safe police work went well.

We always strive to be professional and I am very proud of the work done this year.



May you all have a safe and happy holiday season,

*The Men & Women  
of the  
University Park  
Police Department*

**Theft** On October 8 between 10 PM and 2 AM in the 6700 block of 40th Ave. the resident advised that an Apple laptop computer was stolen during a party hosted by the victim. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

**Theft** Between October 10 and October 12 in the 6800 block of Pineway suspect/s stole a black and silver Diamondback mountain bike and a yellow GMC touring bike that were locked on the rear deck of the residence. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is ongoing.

## STEP UP

SMALL TOWN ENERGY PROGRAM  
FOR UNIVERSITY PARK

It seems fitting that as we close out our 75th anniversary year, University Park is on track to make history in the field of energy efficiency. Other towns are taking note that 20% of UP residents are participating in STEP-UP, where similar efficiency programs typically have participation rates of around 2%. Now is the perfect time for you to join STEP-UP, helping UP to make history as a leader in energy efficiency.

If you have long wanted to do something about your home's cold drafts and high utility bills, let STEP-UP Energy Coach Suzanne Parmet help. Suzanne will work with you every step of the way, ensuring that you know what needs to be done in your home, that you get the best value from contractors and that you receive every penny of the incentive money available to you. Call Suzanne at 240-695-3991, e-mail her at [energy-coach@upmd.org](mailto:energy-coach@upmd.org) or visit [www.mystep-up.org](http://www.mystep-up.org) to join STEP-UP today.



After joining STEP-UP you will have your home assessed by a qualified home energy auditor. Home audits typically cost around \$400 on the open market, but through STEP-UP you will pay only \$100. The audit report will show you the cost-effective ways in which you can save energy and money in your home by improving energy efficiency. The

home audit includes checks for combustion safety issues such as gas leaks, as well as potential mold or moisture issues. Suzanne can help you to find the right auditor and will review your report with you if you wish.

The audit report provides a road map for your home efficiency improvements. If you decide to make some or all of the recommended improvements (and there is no obligation to do so), Suzanne can direct you to qualified contractors and to several sources of attractive financing if you need it. Dave Brosch, our STEP-UP quality assurance consultant, regularly reviews the work of STEP-UP contractors to ensure that the work being done in UP homes is of good quality.

Your improved home will be more comfortable, affordable, healthy and valuable. In addition, Suzanne will help you to access all of the Pepco, State of Maryland, STEP-UP and Federal incentives to which you are entitled. To date, STEP-UP participants are receiving ~50% of the cost of their improvements back through existing incentives! But hurry, some of these incentives may disappear in the coming months.



### Curbside Leaf Pick Up

Town leaf collection began in late October and will continue, weather permitting, through early January. Collections will also be done on weekends as needed.

Crews will generally work counterclockwise through town as follows: Ward 2, Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, Ward 4, Ward 7 and Ward 6.

Please do not expect crews to backtrack to collect leaves raked to the curb after they have been past your home. Residents and contractors are asked to use caution while raking and be sure there are no rocks, sticks, metal, etc. in your leaf piles.

After early January, only bagged leaves will be collected on Mondays with the yard waste. Questions about the collection schedule should be directed to the Town office at 301-927-4262.



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### October 17 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Carey, Cron, Gekas, McPherson, Toscano (Bradley Chacón excused); Town employees Police Chief Wynnyk, Town Treasurer Baden, Public Works Director Mickey Beall and Town Attorney Ferguson.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Burrows, a Town resident, raised the concern that the pace of the meetings and hearings for the term limit and compensation discussions is so rapid that people who are not connected to the internet are excluded. He recommended that the Town send out a mailer. Mr. Freedman brought several traffic issues to the Council's attention. He asked that a stop sign be installed at the intersection of Woodberry Street, College Heights Drive and Clagett-Pineway to slow down the cars turning onto Clagett-Pineway from College Heights Drive. He also pointed out that there are no sidewalks on Pineway and College Heights Drive. The road is narrow and pedestrians are forced to walk in the street. Mr. Lee also raised concerns about traffic signage. He said that he hoped the upcoming traffic survey would support additional signage along 40th Avenue and College Heights Drive. He noted that similar intersections have different traffic control signs.

#### Permits

***Application to Install a Kohler Command Pro Generator, 4318 Clagett Road*** Motion to approve the installation of a Kohler quiet operation house generator used to keep sump pump working during power outages; located at 4318 Clagett Road. Motion approved 5 to 0.

***Application to Replace the Existing Storage Shed with a New 10' X 14' Vinyl Sided Shed, 6803 Forest Hill Drive*** Motion to approve replacing existing storage shed with a new 10'x14' vinyl shed located at 6803 Forest Hill Drive. Motion approved 5 to 0.

***Application to Expand Patio with an 18" Retaining Wall and Replace Back Steps on to the Patio and Replace Existing Gate, 4120 Woodberry Street*** Motion to approve a patio expansion with an 18" retaining wall and replace back steps onto the patio and replace existing gate located at 4120 Woodberry Street. Motion approved 5 to 0.

***Application to Replace Existing Brick Retaining Wall with a New 30' Long X 3.5' High Brick***

***Retaining Wall, 4205 Underwood Street*** Motion to approve replacing existing brick retaining wall with a new 30' long x 3.5' high brick retaining wall located at 4205 Underwood Street. Motion approved 5 to 0.

***Application to Send a Letter of Support for a Waiver Request to Repair and Replace an Existing Retaining Wall and Railing Which Does Not Conform to Zoning Ordinance Section 27-420 (a), 6907 Forest Hill Drive*** Motion to approve a letter of support for a waiver of the fence/wall location for a retaining wall with a railing located at 6907 Forest Hill Drive. Motion approved 5 to 0.

#### Department Reports

Chief Wynnyk said the 75th Anniversary Celebration was successful. He also reported that the Town had received a grant for \$8,000 for e-citation writing.

Mickey Beall reported that he and Mr. Baden attended a FEMA meeting to find out if the Town was eligible for reimbursements for expenses related to hurricane Irene and tropical storm Lee. The Town may be eligible for funding. Woodberry Street and College Heights Drive are the last two streets that will be paved this year, before winter sets in.

Mr. Baden said the auditors have made minor changes to their audit findings. The Town audit report will be presented to the Council and the Mayor at the November 7 meeting.

#### Continuing Business

Lynn Desautels, Senior Policy Analyst at the EPA Office of Sustainable Communities Smart Growth Program, presented information and materials about approaches to smart growth. A key aspect of smart growth is preserving green space and reducing energy consumption by creating walkable, self-sufficient communities. The information in the presentation will be posted to the Town web site.

Mayor Tabori said that the Cafritz development team has formally submitted the request to develop the property to the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission. The formal name of the request is "The Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park, A-10018."

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Reed represented the development team in attendance at the Council meeting. He discussed the decision to request rezoning as a Mixed-Use Town Center (MUTC). This zoning designation was strongly recommended by Riverdale Park. He said the Cafritz owners are willing to commit to submitting the residential development plan to the District Council for the detailed site plan. CM Gekas asked if the railroad track overpass would be shown in Phase 1. Mr. Reed said that it would not be.

CM McPherson questioned the decision to request MUTC zoning. Mr. Reed said that Riverdale Park insisted on this zoning type. CM Carey discussed the possibility of a circulator bus to tie together the communities. Mayor Tabori and Mr. Reed discussed this in detail.

Mr. Reed said the grading for the entire site would take place during Phase 1. Mr. Reed and the Council discussed concerns about massing buildings along Route 1 and transitioning the parking spaces as the property is built out. Mr. Reed showed on the presentation slides how the green strip would buffer the retail space from Route 1 and noted that there are plans to add a sculpture garden to the buffer strip. In some places this buffer space would be 90 feet wide or wider.

Town Attorney Ferguson asked Mr. Reed if the developer would agree to a reference to the railroad bridge overpass. Mr. Reed said he anticipates that a condition requiring an overpass would be put in place. Mayor Tabori asked how much traffic the railroad overpass would be expected to relieve. He also asked who controlled Rivertech Court, the road leading up to the railroad tracks from the east. Mr. Reed said that Rivertech Court was a county road.

Mayor Tabori asked about the plan for obtaining right-of-way permissions. Mr. Reed said that the discussion has begun with CSX for permission to cross the railroad tracks. University of Maryland, which owns the property the ERCO building sits on, will be approached in the next 30 days. Prince George's County will be approached once an engineering study is in place.

Mr. Burrows asked when the hiker/biker trail would be built. Mr. Reed said the emphasis in Phase 1 would be on the retail space, so the hiker/biker trail would follow later.

Mayor Tabori expressed strong concerns about deferring the railroad bridge to a later phase of the development. He listed the implications for public safety access. Without a road network into the development, Van Buren Boulevard would be the only entrance into the community for police and fire/ambulance services.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.



### November 7 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Brosch, Gekas, McPherson, Carey, Toscano, Cron, Bradley Chacón.

**Official Swearing In of Council Member-Elect by the Mayor** Mayor Tabori swore in Mr. David C. Brosch as Ward 1 Council Member.

Mayor Tabori reported that a meeting was held with the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation and the department has said they will support the 9-Pond proposal. Mayor Tabori added that the Town of University Park would need to create an initial site plan, a budget estimate and develop an agreement among all the interested parties.

Mayor Tabori continues to recover from a recent flu, and excused himself for the rest of the meeting. CM McPherson served as Mayor Pro Tem for the rest of the Council meeting.

**Presentation For Route 1 Ride Support *Route 1 Bus Ride Service achievements and request for support; presentation by Alex Hirtle, Project Coordinator*** Mr. Hirtle described the Route 1 Ride bus route system in place to support the economic development of the U.S. Route 1 corridor. This is provided currently by Bus Route 17, and travels from IKEA at the northernmost point on the route to downtown Mt. Rainier at the southernmost point. More information is available at <http://www.Route1Ride.com>. Three buses currently support the bus route. The wait time between buses is 20 minutes. The cost to ride is \$1 for adults, free for seniors, the disabled and UMD students and staff with ID. The bus presently runs from Monday through Friday from 5:30 AM to 8:09 PM.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Hirtle answered the Council's questions. He asked that University Park consider a one-time contribution of \$2000 to the program, which would entitle University Park to place information about our community on the outside of the buses. He said that extended hours and/or weekend hours could be considered for the route, depending on ridership.

### Permits

***Application For Replacement of Slate on Main House Roof, the Flat Side Roof and Garage Roof; Damage Caused By Fallen Tree, 6906 Oakridge Road*** Motion to approve the permit for a dumpster to be placed in the public right-of-way, placement not to exceed thirty days, for the replacement of the main house roof, the flat side roof and garage roof located at 6906 Oakridge Road. Motion approved 6 to 0.

### Department Reports

Mr. Chuck Wilson reported on the progress to date for the STEP-UP program. Through November 1st, 170 households have participated in the program, 110 energy audits have been completed and 55 households have carried out energy retrofits.

The compost pilot program has launched with 47 participating households. The six-month pilot program will be supported by the University Park Department of Public Works.

Mr. Wilson noted that the program's spending rate is consistently running below the projected amounts. At the current / forecasted expenditure rate, the program will under spend by approximately \$200,000 by the end of the grant on August 2013.

Mr. Mickey Beall, Director discussed the Maryland Municipal Public Works Association Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement (MMPWOA). The MMPWOA is the agreement drafted by Suellen Ferguson Esq., vetted by the Maryland Municipal Attorneys and approved by the MMPWA. The agreement is designed to insure that all municipalities that help out during an emergency can receive MEMA and FEMA reimbursement if that is available.

Mr. Beall reported that curbside leaf collection has started. The Town has been approved for a \$20,000 grant from the National Trails program to reconstruct and improve the path through the Town Park. The

Town will use a separate grant to carry out an analysis of the lighting in the park and determine ways to upgrade it. All 2011 street repairs have been completed. Street repaving work will be suspended until sometime in the spring. Mr. Beall raised the point that now would be the time to consider making some or all of the temporary speed humps permanent when the street repaving work moves into the current locations of temporary speed humps. He raised the possibility that some of the current speed humps could be sold as surplus.

### New Business

***Maryland Municipal Public Works Association Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement*** CM Bradley Chacón reported on the Charter and Ordinance hearing held earlier in the evening. She said she wanted to engage the Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee in considering the charter and ordinance issues being raised. She asked to separate the Policy, Rules, and Municipal Structure Committee hearing from the next November 2011 public hearing. CM Toscano recommended against this approach. CM Carey said he anticipated the vote on the motions as taking place at the December 5th Council meeting. To approve/disapprove the Mutual Aid Agreement with Maryland Municipal Public Works Association to insure that all municipalities that assist during an emergency can receive MEMA and FEMA reimbursement if available. Introduction. Motion approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

### Cafritz Property Note

To follow the Cafritz property as it progresses through the zoning and planning process, you may wish to become a Person of Record.

The necessary form appears later in this newsletter. You may complete and submit a hard copy or visit [http://www.pgplanning.org/Resources/Person\\_of\\_Record.htm](http://www.pgplanning.org/Resources/Person_of_Record.htm)

The form requests an application number, in this case, there are two: Rezoning Application A-10018 and Conceptual Site Plan CSP-11005. The application name is Cafritz Property.

This property is currently zoned R-55 for single family homes, but the Cafritz family wishes to rezone to Mixed Use Town Center (MUTC).

## OBITUARY

**Olga Michele Abel ("Michele")**, a long time resident of 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue in UP and later of Ellicott City, Maryland, passed away suddenly on November 7. Michele, daughter of Ramon and Enedina, was born and spent her childhood in Santiago, Dominican Republic. On a visit to New York in 1952, she met and fell in love with Loren Abel and married him within a year.

After raising their five children with love, care and much humor, Michele started her professional career as a realtor with Hugh T. Peck Properties and more recently managed an office for the Long and Foster Companies until her retirement.

In retirement, Michele enjoyed her work with the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Martin's Home in Catonsville and took much pleasure in ballroom dancing, reading, sewing, drawing, water painting, poker night and pinochle with her many friends in Bowie and Ellicott City. Michele traveled extensively throughout Europe and the United States, returning several times a year to her native Dominican Republic. She made friends in all areas of her life and in all parts of the world.

Her husband Loren Lawrence Abel passed away in 1993. She is survived by her five children: Sharon Breedlove of Clarksville, MD; Carol DiMarzo of Annapolis; Cheryl Bridenbaugh of Berkley, CA; Lois Abel of Columbia, MD; and Michael Abel of Los Angeles. She also leaves four grandchildren.

### Lost Pet Database

To register your pet and report a lost or found pet, contact Linda Verrill at 301-927-6743 or [linda\\_verrill@yahoo.com](mailto:linda_verrill@yahoo.com). Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified. If you find or spot a loose animal, please call or email Linda Verrill.



To have your pet added to the database, please provide: your name, address, e-mail addresses, all of your phone numbers; as well as the name and contact info of a second person to contact (e.g., friend, neighbor or nearby relative); name of your pet, species, breed, color, markings, age, weight.

## TOWN NEWS

### UP Resident is Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Inductee

Sallie Lou Holder, of Van Buren Street, was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame (MSCHF) on October 20. The Hall of Fame honors those who have made an outstanding contribution to improve the lives of others in their community. Inductees were recognized at the annual awards luncheon of MSCHF.

Sallie Holder is known for her quiet, modest demeanor as she goes about her work as a volunteer, whether it is for the needs of the aging, furthering educational opportunities for women or counseling unemployed persons searching for work.



Since 1993 Sallie has enthusiastically volunteered as an event monitor for the Smithsonian Associates in support of many of its programs. She has also been a board member and volunteer with Seabury Resources for Aging, whose programs enrich the lives of older adults throughout the community. She has advocated providing educational opportunities for women through her involvement with the Philanthropic Educational Organization and Columbian Women, a George Washington University women's alumni group.

Sallie's wide-ranging volunteer activity has included work with New Beginnings, providing assistance to people going through divorce and separation. She has been a member of Toaping Castle DAR, a board member of the UMD Alumni Association, a member of the Clarice Smith Culture Arts Center, and helps with the Maryland Association of Adult and Continuing Education and the American Association of University Women.

In addition to her volunteer commitments Sallie has two special hobbies, blue glass collecting and the Paint Branch Garden Club.



## Potluck Dinner & Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 3, 5 PM



Town residents are invited to gather at Riverdale Presbyterian Church for a potluck dinner, a performance by the Blue Sky Puppet Theater and a walk to the town Christmas tree for the annual tree lighting at 7 PM. Please bring a main dish or dessert to share with 10-12 people. Everyone is asked to either bring their

dish in a totally disposable pan or bring a grocery bag so they can take home their dish, utensils and any leftover food after the dinner. There will not be anyone washing dishes in the church kitchen. The potluck dinner, children's activities, decorations, Blue Sky Puppet Theater performance and other festivities will be coordinated jointly by the University Park Civic Association and the University Park Women's Club. A Mitten Tree will be available for residents to bring a new pair of gloves or mittens to decorate a tree, which will then be donated to a local charitable organization.

## For All Good Causes

### Holiday Sharing Fair

Saturday, December 3, 9:30 AM-3 PM

Celebrate the holidays and do some shopping with an added purpose at the For All Good Causes Sharing Fair.



Come out and sample the wares: handcrafts from international artisans, gifts from nonprofit groups supporting peace, justice and environmental care, baked goods, food and a secret store for kids. University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street. The grill will be open all day, so plan on lunch with bratwurst or veggie burgers!

## After 8 Book Group

Tuesday, December 14

The After 8 Book Group, which is open to all town residents, meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The December selection is Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea*. For more info on the group, please call Laura Donnelly at 301-927-6550.

## Service Season at

### Riverdale Presbyterian Church

RPC will be connecting with Second Family ([www.2ndfamilyinc.org](http://www.2ndfamilyinc.org)) to provide gifts to families in need this Christmas season. We will post ages and types of items to shop for on our website ([www.rivpres.org](http://www.rivpres.org)) beginning December 1 and will have the following events from 6-8 PM, dinner included: **Wednesday, December 7: Parent's Shopping Night Out.** Shop like angels while children have supervised Christmas fun. **Wednesday, December 14: Christmas Angel Party.** Bring gifts to wrap while also cooking and making decorations for families in need. **Thursday, December 22: Christmas Dinner.** Join in a festive meal and sing carols together. **Wednesday, January 4 with Safe Haven:** Cook and serve residents of a men's shelter at the church. All events are 6-8 PM and open to all, no reservations necessary and child-care will be provided.

## Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Friday, December 9 at 8 PM

The University of Maryland Choral Activities presents the tenth annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. This service is modeled after the world famous Christmas Eve tradition presented annually at Kings College Cambridge. Led by the University of Maryland Men's and Women's Choruses, this year's event will use the original format of the 1918 service. They will be joined by the the Maryland State Boychoir, Femmes de Chanson, Männer-Musik and the Maryland Palestrina Choir, plus readers from the University campus and surrounding community, with audience participation. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors (62+) and \$5 for students and children. University of Maryland Memorial Chapel, College Park. For tickets, (301) 405-ARTS or [www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu).



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



# Riversdale

Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park. For information, call 301-864-0420 or email [Riversdale@pgparks.com](mailto:Riversdale@pgparks.com).

**The Calverts By Candlelight Friday, December 30, 6-9 PM** Rosalie Stier Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, invites you to relax during this busy season in the warm glow of our candlelit evening. The house will be festooned with seasonal greens and period music will play as costumed interpreters representing family, friends and servants of the house interact with visitors on their self-guided tours of the illuminated mansion. Cooking over an open-hearth fire in the kitchen, children's activities and warming refreshments are all part of the spirit of the evening. Admission \$5 adults/free for children 12 and under. Refreshments.



**Twelfth Night Ball Saturday, January 14** Bring the holiday season to a close in style at the Regency-style Twelfth Night Ball. Riversdale Mansion provides a sparkling setting for dancing to live music by Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts, plus fiddler Andrea Hoag. Dancing begins at 8 PM. An elegant ball supper will be served with additional dance sets to follow. Following tradition, a king and queen will be crowned. Come dressed in your finest Regency attire or black tie. Admission \$30 for residents/\$36 for nonresidents. Advance registration is required by January 4 and capacity is limited.

### College Park Arts Exchange

Unless stated otherwise, all events are free and take place at Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Contact [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or 301-927-3013 for more information. Supported in part by the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council and the City of College Park.

*College Park Arts Exchange continued*

### Make A Wreath Saturday, December 3, 3-5 PM

We will provide the basic wreath making materials. Check our web-site for ideas of other things you can bring from home to make your wreath uniquely your own. Cost \$10, pre-register by Dec. 1. Also, glass artist Tina Van Pelt will help you make gorgeous one-of-a-kind fused glass ornaments, \$15 each, if enough people pre-pay.



### College Park Youth Choir Sunday, December 4, 4 PM

The Youth Choir will perform as part of the Riverdale Presbyterian Holiday Celebration at 6513 Queens Chapel Road, University Park.

**The Youth Choir Fall Concert Tuesday, December 20, 7:30 PM** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, College Park.

**Shakespeare Factory Players presents Twelfth Night, Saturday, December 10 at 2 PM and 7:30 PM** This delightful tale of mistaken identity, using original practices (fast-paced Shakespeare, accessible to all) will be staged including familiar pop songs, just as Shakespeare would have done, to get the audience into the action. Pay as you can donations accepted for this great show.

### Seasonal Celebration Sunday, December 11, 3 PM

Bring the family for this afternoon of local talent. Enjoy a snack and a hot drink while New Chicago Youth Dance Company and music students of Eric Maring share their favorite holiday pieces.

**CPAE Book Club Friday, December 16, 7:30 PM** Discuss literary nonfiction by women at the CPAE Book Club. December: *Pearl Buck in China* by Hilary Spurling.

### Children's Arts Drop-In Program December 17, 10-12 AM and December 18, 2-4 PM

Aaron Springer and Ann Potter lead fun arts workshops for children ages 3-8 with their parents. December features the limitless possibilities of air-dried clay. Note: December 17, 10-12 AM takes place at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park, MD.

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University Park Woman's Club  
18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY  
HOUSE TOUR &  
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**



**Friday, December 9, 2011**

**House Tour 7-10 PM  
Holiday Boutique 6:30-10:30 PM**

**Tour Homes**

Cunniff, 7006 Partridge Place  
Holder, 4102 Van Buren Street  
Nau, 4319 Clagett Road  
Phillips, 6404 Queens Chapel Road  
Pundzak, 4325 Woodberry Street

**Tickets \$14 in advance, \$16 on the tour.**

**For advance tickets, please call 301-277-0414 or  
purchase at the UP holiday potluck dinner & tree lighting December 3.**

Tickets will also be available Friday, December 9 during event hours at each house and at the holiday boutique. No admittance without a ticket. The boutique will be located at 7036 Hunter Lane and features local artisans.

*Proceeds support college scholarships and community service projects.*

University Park Woman's Club

# HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Sunday, December 18, 2011

A later date this year means you don't have to rush to get those decorations up! Please note our new format, categories and rules.

## OUR NEW FORMAT

- ♦ A drive through town in daylight, between 4-5 PM
- ♦ A second ride through town after dark

## NEW CATEGORIES

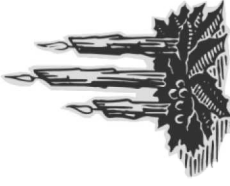
- ♦ Prizes for Best Door Decoration
- ♦ Prizes for Whole House Decoration
- ♦ Prize for Most Unique/Most Original Decoration

## NEW RULES

- ♦ 2011 Winners cannot win in the same category this year, especially if the decorations remain the same!



# December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>NOTE: Leaf collection dates are tentative. Please check with Town Hall.</b> 4	Yard Waste 5 Council Meeting Yard Waste	Trash 6 Trash	7	1 Recycling 8 Recycling	2 Trash 9 UPWC Candlelight Holiday House Tour 7 PM Trash	3 Holiday Sharing Fair 9:30 AM-3 PM Potluck Dinner & Tree Lighting 5 PM 10 
11	12 Yard Waste	13 Trash	14 After 8 Book Group	15 Recycling	16 Trash	17
18 UPWC House Decorating Contest 4 PM	19 Council Meeting Yard Waste	20 Trash	21	22 Recycling	23 Trash	24
25 Christmas	26 HOLIDAY-No Collection	27 Trash	28	29 Recycling	30 Trash	31 New Year's Eve



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Police Dept. Cell Phone	240-375-1077
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Mayor Tabori home	301-779-6530

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